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# ARTICLES of UNION

*Agreed on the Twenty second Day of July, in the fifth Year of the Reign of Her Most Excellent Majesty, ANNE by the Grace of GOD, Queen of Scotland, England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. and in the Year of Our LORD One thousand seven hundred and Six; by the Commissioners nominated on behalf of the Kingdom of Scotland, under Her Majesties Great Seal of Scotland, bearing Date the Twenty seventh Day of February last past; In pursuance of the fourth Act of the Third Session of Her Majesties Current Parliament of Scotland, in the Fourth Year of Her Majesties Reign; and the Commissioners Nominated on behalf of the Kingdom of England, under Her Majesties Great-Seal of England, bearing Date at Westminster the Tenth Day of April last past; In pursuance of an Act of Parliament made in England the Third Year of Her Majesties Reign, to treat of, and concerning an UNION of the said Kingdoms: Which Articles are in all Humility to be presented to the Queens most Excellent Majesty, and offered to the Consideration of the respective Parliaments of both Kingdoms, pursuant to the said Acts and Commissions.*

I. **T**HAT the two Kingdoms of Scotland and England, shall upon the first Day of May next ensuing the Date hereof, and for ever after, be united into one Kingdom, by the Name of GREAT-BRITAIN; and that the Ensigns Armorial of the said united Kingdom be such as Her Majesty shall Appoint, and the Crosses of St. Andrew and St. George be conjoynd in such manner as Her Majesty shall think fit, and used in all Flags, Banners, Standards, and Ensigns, both at Sea and Land.

II. That

II. That the Succession to the Monarchy of the united Kingdom of *Great-Britain*, and of the Dominions thereunto belonging, after Her most Sacred Majesty, and in default of Issue of Her Majesty, Be, Remain, and Continue to the most Excellent Princess *SOPHIA*, Electress and Dutches Dowager of *Hannover*, and the Heirs of Her Body, being Protestants, upon whom the Crown of *England* is settled, by an Act of Parliament made in *England* in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *William* the Third, Entituled, *An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject*: And that all Papists, and Persons marrying Papists, shall be excluded from, and for ever incapable to Inherit, Possess, or Enjoy the Imperial Crown of *Great-Britain*, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, or any part thereof: And in every such Case, the Crown and Government shall from Time to Time descend to, and be enjoyed by such Person being a *Protestant*, as should have inherited and enjoyed the same, in Case such Papists, or Person marrying a Papist was naturally Dead, according to the Provision for the Descent of the Crown of *England*, made by another Act of Parliament in *England*, in the first Year of the Reign of their late Majesties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, Entituled, *An Act Declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and Settling the Succession of the Crown*.

III. That the united Kingdom of *Great-Britain* be represented by one and the same Parliament, to be Stiled the Parliament of *Great-Britain*.

IV. That all the Subjects of the united Kingdom of *Great-Britain* shall, from, and after the Union, have full Freedom and Intercourse of Trade and Navigation, to and from any Port or Place within the said united Kingdom, and the Dominions and Plantations thereunto belonging; and that there be a Communication of all other Rights, Privileges, and Advantages, which

do, or may belong to the Subjects of either Kingdom, except where it is otherways expressly agreed in these Articles.

V. That all Ships belonging to Her Majesties Subjects of *Scotland*, at the Time of Signing this Treaty for the Union of the Two Kingdoms, though Foreign built, shall be deem'd, and pass as Ships of the built of *Great-Britain*, the Owner, or where there are more Owners, one or more of the Owners, within Twelve Months after the Union, making Oath, That at the Time of Signing the said Treaty, the same did belong to him or them, or to some other Subject or Subjects of *Scotland*, to be particularly Named, with the Places of their respective Abodes, and that the same doth then belong to him or them, and that no Foreigner directly, or indirectly, hath any Share, Part or Interest therein: Which Oath shall be made before the chief Officer or Officers of the Customs in the Port next to the Abode of the said Owner or Owners: And the said Officer, or Officers, shall be Impowered to Administer the said Oath; and the Oath being so Administred, shall be Attested by the Officer or Officers who Administred the same: And being Registered by the said Officer, or Officers, shall be delivered to the Master of the Ship, for Security of Her Navigation, and a Duplicate thereof shall be Transmitted by the said Officer, or Officers, to the chief Officer, or Officers of the Customs in the Port of *Edinburgh*, to be there entered in a Register, and from thence to be sent to the Port of *London*, to be there entered in the General Register of all Trading Ships belonging to *Great Britain*.

VI. That all Parts of the United Kingdom for ever, from and after the Union, shall have the same Allowances and Encouragements, and be under the same Prohibitions, Restrictions, and Regulations of Trade, and lyable to the same Customs and Duties on Import and Export: And that the Allowances, Encouragements, Prohibitions, Restrictions, and Regulations



of Trade, and the Customs and Duties on Import and Export settled in *England*, when the Union commences, shall, from and after the Union, take place throughout the whole United Kingdom.

VII. That all Ports of the United Kingdom be for ever, from and after the Union, liable to the same Excises upon all Exciseable Liquors: And that the Excise settled in *England* on such Liquors, when the Union commences, take place throughout the whole United Kingdom.

VIII. That, from and after the Union, all Foreign Salt which shall be imported into *Scotland*, shall be charged, at the Importation there, with the same Duties as the like Salt is now charged with, being imported into *England*, and to be levied and secured in the same manner. But *Scotland* shall, for the space of Seven Years from the said Union, be exempted from the paying in *Scotland* for Salt made there, the Duty or Excise now payable for Salt made in *England*; but, from the Expiration of the said Seven Years, shall be subject and liable to the same Duties for Salt made in *Scotland*, as shall be then payable for Salt made in *England*, to be levied and secured in the same manner, and with the like Draw-backs and Allowances as in *England*. And during the said Seven Years, there shall be payed in *England* for all Salt made in *Scotland*, and imported from thence into *England*, the same Duties upon the Importation, as shall be payable for Salt made in *England*, to be levied and secured in the same manner as the Duties on Foreign Salt are, to be levied and secured in *England*; and that, during the said Seven Years, no Salt whatsoever be brought from *Scotland* to *England* by Land in any manner, under the Penalty of Forfeiting the Salt and the Cattle and Carriages made use of in bringing the same, and paying Twenty Shillings for every Bushel of such Salt, and proportionably for a greater or lesser Quantity, for which the Carrier, as well as the Owner,

shall be liable jointly and severably ; and the Persons bringing, or carrying the same, to be Imprisoned by any one Justice of the Peace by the space of six Months without Bail, and until the Penalty be pay'd ; and that, during the said Seven Years, all Salted Flesh, or Fish Exported from *Scotland* to *England*, or made use of for Victualling of Ships in *Scotland*, and all Flesh, put on Board in *Scotland*, to be Exported to Parts beyond the Seas, which shall be Salted with *Scots* Salt, or any Mixture therewith, shall be Forfeited, and may be seized, and that, from and after the Union, the Laws and Acts of Parliament in *Scotland*, for Picing, Curing, and Packing of Herrings, White Fish, and Salmon for Exportation, with Foreign Salt only, and for preventing of Frauds in Curing and Packing of Fish, be continued in force in *Scotland*, subject to such Alterations as shall be made by the Parliament of *Great-Britain* ; and that all Fish Exported from *Scotland* to Parts beyonds the Seas, which shall be Cured with Foreign Salt only, shall have the same Eases, Præmiums and Draw-backs, as are, or shall be allowed to such Persons as Export the like Fish from *England* : And if any Matters or Fraud relating to the said Duties on Salt, shall hereafter appear, which are not sufficiently provided against by this Article, the same shall be subject to such further Provisions, as shall be thought fit by the Parliament of *Great Britain*.

IX. That whenever the Sum of One Million Nine Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty Three Pounds, Eight Shillings and Four Pence Half-penny shall be Enacted by the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, to be raised in that of the United Kingdom, now called *England*, on Land and other Things usually charged in Acts of Parliament there, for granting an Aid to the Crown by a Land-Tax ; that part of the United Kingdom, now called *Scotland*, shall be charged by the same Act, with a further Sum of Forty

ty Eight Thousand Pounds free of all Charges, as the Quota of *Scotland* to such Tax, and so proportionably for any greater or lesser Sum raised in *England*, by any Tax on Land, and other Things usually charged, together with the Land; and that such Quota for *Scotland*, in the Cases aforesaid, be Raised and Collected in the same manner as the Cess now is in *Scotland*, but subject to such Regulations in the manner of Collecting, as shall be made by the Parliament of *Great-Britain*.

X. That during the Continuance of the respective Duties on Stamp'd Paper, Vellome and Parchment, by the several Acts now in force in *England*, *Scotland* shall not be charged with the same respective Duties.

XI. That during the Continuance of the Duties payable in *England* on Windows and Lights, which determines on the First Day of *August* 1710. *Scotland* shall not be charged with the same Duties.

XII. That during the Continuance of the Duties payable in *England* on Coals, Culm and Cynders, which determines the 30th Day of *September* 1710. *Scotland* shall not be charged therewith for Coals, Culm and Cynders consumed there, but shall be charged with the same Duties as in *England* for all Coal, Culm and Cynders not consumed in *Scotland*.

XIII. That during the Continuance of the Duty payable in *England* on Mault, which determines the 24th Day of *June* 1707. *Scotland* shall not be charged with that Duty.

XIV. That the Kingdom of *Scotland* be not charged with any other Duties laid on by the Parliament of *England* before the Union, except those consented to in this Treaty; in regard it is agreed, That all necessary Provision shall be made by the Parliament of *Scotland* for the publick Charge and Service of that Kingdom for the Year 1707. *Provided nevertheless*, That if the Parliament of *England* shall think fit to lay any further Impositions by way of Customs, or such Excises, with which by vertue of this Treaty,

*Scotland* is to be charged equally with *England*; In such case *Scotland* shall be lyable to the same Customs and Excises, and have an Equivalent to be settled by the Parliament of *Great-Britain*. And seeing it cannot be supposed that the Parliament of *Great-Britain* will ever lay any sorts of Burthens upon the united Kingdom, but what they shall find of necessity at that time for the Preservation and Good of the whole; And with due regard to the Circumstances and Abilities of every part of the united Kingdom; Therefore, *It is agreed*, that there be no further Exemption insisted on for any part of the united Kingdom, but that the Consideration of any Exemptions beyond what are already agreed on in this Treaty, shall be left to the Determination of the Parliament of *Great-Britain*.

XV. Whereas by the Terms of this Treaty, the Subjects of *Scotland*, for preserving an equality of Trade throughout the united Kingdom, will be lyable to several Customs and Excises now payable in *England*, which will be applicable towards payment of the Debts of *England*, contracted before the Union; *It is agreed*, that *Scotland* shall have an equivalent for what the Subjects thereof shall be so charg'd towards payment of the said Debts of *England*, in all particulars whatsoever, in manner following, viz. That before the Union of the said Kingdoms, the Sum of three hundred, ninety eight thousand and eighty five pound ten shillings be granted to Her Majesty by the Parliament of *England*, for the Uses after-mentioned, being the Equivalent, to be answered to *Scotland* for such parts of the said Customs and Excises upon all excisable Liquors, with which that Kingdom is to be charg'd upon the Union, as will be applicable to the payment of the said Debts of *England*, according to the Proportions which the present Customs in *Scotland*, being thirty thousand Pounds *per Annum*, do bear to the Customs in *England*, computed at one Million, three hundred forty one thousand, five hundred, and fifty nine Pounds *per*

*per Annum*; And which the present Excises on excisable Liquors in *Scotland*, being thirty three thousand and five hundred Pounds *per Annum*, do bear to the Excises on excisable Liquors in *England*, computed at nine hundred, forty seven thousand, six hundred and two Pounds *per Annum*; Which Sum of three hundred, ninety eight thousand, eighty five Pounds, ten shillings, shall be due and payable from the time of the *Union*: And in regard, that after the *Union Scotland* becoming lyable to the same Customs and Duties payable on Import and Export, and to the same Excises on all excisable Liquors as in *England*, as well upon that account as upon the account of the Encrease of Trade and People, (which will be the happy Consequence of the *Union*) The said Revenues will much improve beyond the before-mentioned Annual Values thereof, of which no present Estimate can be made; Yet nevertheless, for the Reasons aforesaid, there ought to be a proportionable Equivalent answered to *Scotland*; It is agreed, That, after the *Union*, there shall be an Account kept of the said Duties arising in *Scotland*, to the end it may appear, what ought to be Answer'd to *Scotland*, as an Equivalent for such Proportion of the said Encrease as shall be applicable to the payment of the Debts of *England*. And for the further and more effectual Answering the several Ends hereafter mentioned, it is agreed, That, from and after the *Union*, the whole Encrease of the Revenues of Customs, and Duties on Import and Export, and Excise upon Excisable Liquors in *Scotland*, over and above the Annual Produce of the said respective Duties, as above stated, shall go and be apply'd, for the Term of Seven Years, to the Uses hereafter mentioned; And that, upon the said Account, there shall be Answered to *Scotland* Annually, from the end of Seven Years after the *Union*, an Equivalent in Proportion to such Part of the said Encrease, as shall be applicable to the Debts of *England*.

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And whereas, from the Expiration of seven Years after the Union, *Scotland* is to be liable to the same Duties for Salt made in *Scotland* as shall be then payable for Salt made in *England*; *It is agreed*, That when such Duties take place there, an Equivalent shall be Answered to *Scotland* for such Part thereof, as shall be apply'd towards payment of the Debts of *England*; Of which Duties, an Account shall be kept, to the end it may appear, what is to be Answered to *Scotland* as the said Equivalent. And generally, That an Equivalent shall be Answered to *Scotland* for such Parts of the *English* Debts, as *Scotland* may hereafter become liable to pay by Reason of the Union, other than such for which Appropriations have been made by Parliament in *England* of the Customs, or other Duties on Export and Import, Excises on all Excisable Liquors, or Salt, in Respect of which Debts, Equivalents are herein before provided. And as for the Uses, to which the said Sum of Three Hundred, Ninety Eight Thousand, Eighty Five Pounds, Ten Shillings, to be granted as aforesaid, and all other Monies which are to be Answered or Allowed to *Scotland* as aforesaid, *It is agreed*, That out of the said Sum of Three Hundred, Ninety Eight Thousand, Eighty Five Pound, Ten Shillings, all the Publick Debts of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, and also the Capital Stock, or Fund of the *African* and *Indian* Company of *Scotland* advanc'd, together with the Interest for the said Capital Stock, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Cent. per An.* from the respective Times of the Payment thereof, shall be payed. Upon payment of which Capital Stock and Interest, *It is agreed*, The said Company be Dissolv'd and Cease, and also, That from the time of Passing the Act of Parliament in *England*, for Raising the said Sum of Three Hundred, Ninety Eight Thousand, Eighty Five Pounds, Ten Shillings, the said Company shall neither Trade, nor grant License to Trade. And as to the Overplus of the said Sum of Three Hundred, Ninety Eight Thousand, Eighty Five Pound, Ten Shillings, after the Payment of the said Debts of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, and the said Capital Stock and Interest, and also the whole Encrease of the said Revenues of Customs, Duties, and Excises, above the present Value, which shall arise in *Scotland*, during the said Term of Seven Years, together with the Equivalent which shall become due, upon Account of the Improvenient thereof in *Scotland* after the said Term: And also, as to all other Sums, which according to the Agreements aforesaid, may become payable to *Scotland* by way of Equivalent, for what that Kingdom shall hereafter become liable towards Payments of the Debts of *England*, *It is agreed*, That the same may be applied in manner following, *viz.* That out of the same, what Consideration shall be found necessary to be had for any Losses which Private Persons may sustain, by Reducing the Coin of *Scotland* to the Standard and Value of the Coin of *England*, may be made good: And afterwards the same

same shall be wholly applied towards Encouraging and Promoting the Fisheries, and such other Manufactories and Improvements in *Scotland*, as may most conduce to the general Good of the united Kingdom. And it is agreed, That Her Majesty be Impowred to appoint Commissioners who shall be accountable to the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, for disposing the said Sum of Three Hundred, Ninety Eight Thousand, Eighty Five Pounds, Ten Shillings, and all other Monies which shall arise to *Scotland*, upon the Agreements aforesaid, to the Purposes before-mentioned: Which Commissioners shall be Impowred to call for, Receive, and Dispose of the said Monies in manner aforesaid, and to inspect the Books of the several Collectors of the said Revenues, and of all other Duties, from whence an Equivalent may arise: And that the Collectors and Managers of the said Revenues and Duties be obliged to give to the said Commissioners, subscrib'd Authentick Abbreviates of the Produce of such Revenues and Duties arising in their respective Districts: And that the said Commissioners shall have their Office within the Limits of *Scotland*, and shall, in such Office, keep Books, containing Accounts of the Amount of the Equivalents, and how the same shall have been disposed of from Time to Time, which may be inspected by any of the Subjects who shall desire the same.

XVI. That from and after the Union, the Coin shall be of the same Standard and Value throughout the United Kingdom, as now in *England*, and a Mint shall be continued in *Scotland* under the same Rules as the Mint in *England*, subject to such Regulations as Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or the Parliament of *Great-Britain* shall think fit.

XVII. That from and after the Union, the same Weights and Measures shall be used throughout the United Kingdom, as are now Established in *England*; and Standards of Weights and Measures shall be kept by those Burroughs in *Scotland*, to whom the keeping the Standards of Weights and Measures, now in use there, does of special Right belong. All which Standards shall be sent down to such respective Burroughs from the Standards kept in the Exchequer at *Westminster*, subject nevertheless to such Regulations as the Parliament of *Great-Britain* shall think fit.

XVIII. That the Laws concerning Regulation of Trade, Customs, and such Excises, to which *Scotland* is, by virtue of this Treaty, to be liable, be the same in *Scotland*, from and after the Union as as in *England*; And that all other Laws in Use within the Kingdom of *Scotland*, do after the Union, and notwithstanding thereof, remain in the same Force as before, (except such as are contrary to, or inconsistent with the Terms of this Treaty) but alterable by the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, with this Difference betwixt the Laws concerning Publick Right, Policy, and Civil Government, and those which concern Private Right; That the Laws which concern the Publick Right, Policy, and Civil Government, may be made the same throughout the whole

whole united Kingdom ; but that no Alteration be made in Laws which concern Private Right, except for evident Utility of the Subjects within *Scotland*.

XIX. That the Court of Session, or College of Justice, do after the Union, and notwithstanding thereof, remain in all time coming within *Scotland*, as it is now Constituted by the Laws of that Kingdom, and with the same Authority and Privileges as before the Union, subject nevertheless to such Regulations for the better Administration of Justice, as shall be made by the Parliament of *Great Britain* ; And that the Court of Justiciary do also after the Union, and notwithstanding thereof, remain in all time coming within *Scotland*, as it is now Constituted by the Laws of that Kingdom, and with the same Authority and Privileges as before the Union, subject nevertheless to such Regulations as shall be made by the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, and without prejudice of other Rights of Justiciary ; And that all Admiralty Jurisdictions be under the Lord High Admiral or Commissioners for the Admiralty of *Great Britain* for the time being ; And that the Court of Admiralty now Established in *Scotland* be continued, and that all Reviews, Reductions, or Suspensions, of the Sentences in Maritime Cases competent to the Jurisdiction of that Court, remain in the same manner after the Union, as now in *Scotland*, until the Parliament of *Great-Britain* shall make such Regulations and Alterations, as shall be judg'd Expedient for the whole united Kingdom, so as there be always continued in *Scotland* a Court of Admiralty, such as is in *England*, for Determination of all Maritime Cases relating to private Rights in *Scotland*, competent to the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty Court, subject nevertheless to such Regulations and Alterations, as shall be thought proper to be made by the Parliament of *Great Britain* ; And that the Heretable Rights of Admiralty and Vice-Admiralties in *Scotland* be reserved to the Respective Proprietors as Rights of Property, subject nevertheless, as to the manner of Exercising such Heretable Rights, to such Regulations and Alterations, as shall be thought proper to be made by the Parliament of *Great-Britain* ; And that all other Courts now in Being within the Kingdom of *Scotland* do remain, but subject to Alterations by the Parliament of *Great-Britain* ; And that all Inferior Courts within the said Limits do remain Subordinate, as they are now to the Supream Courts of Justice within the same in all time coming ; And that no Causes in *Scotland* be Cognoscable by the Courts of Chancery Queens-Bench, Common Pleas, or any other Court in *Westminster-Hall* ; And that the said Courts, or any other of the like nature, after the Union, shall have no Power to Cognosce, Review, or Alter the Acts or Sentences of the Judicatures within *Scotland*, or stop the Execution of the same ; And that there be a Court of Exchequer in *Scotland* after the Union, for Deciding Questions concerning the Revenues of Customs and Excises there, having the same power and Authority in such Cases, as the Court of Exchequer has in *England*.



*England*; And that the said Court of *Exchequer* in *Scotland* have Power of passing Signatures, Gifts, Tutories, and in other Things, as the Court of *Exchequer* at present in *Scotland* hath; And that the Court of *Exchequer* that now is in *Scotland* do remain, until a new Court of *Exchequer* be settled by the *Parliament* of *Great-Britain* in *Scotland* after the *Union*; And that, after the *Union*, the *Queens Majesty*, and Her Royal Successors, may continue a *Privy Council* in *Scotland*, for preserving of publick Peace and Order, until the *Parliament* of *Great Britain* shall think fit to alter it, or establish any other effectual Method for that End.

XX. That all Heretable Offices, Heretable Jurisdictions, Offices for Life and Jurisdictions for Life, be Reserved to the Owners thereof, as Rights of Property, in the same manner as they are now enjoy'd by the Laws of *Scotland*, notwithstanding of this Treaty.

XXI. That the Rights and Privileges of the *Royal-Burroughs* in *Scotland* as they now are, do remain intire after the *Union*, and notwithstanding thereof.

XXII. That by virtue of this Treaty of the Peers of *Scotland* at the time of the *Union*, Sixteen shall be the Number to Sit and Vote in the House of *Lords*, and Forty five the Number of the Representatives of *Scotland* in the House of *Commons* of the *Parliament* of *Great Britain*; And that, when Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, shall declare Her or Their Pleasure, for holding the first or any subsequent *Parliament* of *Great-Britain*, until the *Parliament* of *Great Britain* shall make further Provision therein, a Writ do issue under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, directed to the *Privy Council* of *Scotland*, commanding them to cause Sixteen Peers, who are to sit in the House of *Lords*, to be summoned to *Parliament*, and Forty five Members to be elected to sit in the House of *Commons* of the *Parliament* of *Great Britain*, according to the Agreement in this Treaty, in such manner as by the *Parliament* of *Scotland* shall be settled before the *Union*: And that the Names of the Persons so summon'd and elected shall be returned by the *Privy-Council* of *Scotland*, into the Court from whence the said writ did Issue. And that if Her Majesty, on or before the first Day of *May* next, on which Day the *Union* is to take Place, shall declare under the Great Seal of *England*, that it is Expedient, that the Lords of the *Parliament* of *England*, and *Commons* of the present *Parliament* of *England*, should be the Members of the respective Houses of the first *Parliament* of *Great-Britain*, for and on the Part of *England*, then the said Lords of *Parliament* of *England*, and *Commons* of the present *Parliament* of *England*, shall be the Members of the respective Houses of the first *Parliament* of *Great Britain*, for, and on the Part of *England*. And Her Majesty may by her Royal Proclamation, under the Great-Seal of *Great Britain*, appoint the said first *Parliament* of  
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Great-Britain, to meet at such Time and Place as her Majesty shall think fit, which time shall not be less than fifty Days after the Date of such Proclamation, and the Time and Place of the Meeting of such Parliament being so appointed, a Writ shall be immediately issued under the Great Seal of Great Britain, directed to the Privy-Council of Scotland, for the Summoning the 16 Peers, and for electing 45 Members, by whom Scotland is to be represented in the Parliament of Great Britain: And the Lords of Parliament of England, and the 16 Peers of Scotland, such 16 Peers being summoned and return'd in the manner agreed in this Treaty; And the Members of the House of Commons of the said Parliament of England, and the 45 Members for Scotland, such 45 Members being elected and return'd in the Manner agreed in this Treaty, shall assemble and meet respectively in their respective Houses of the Parliament of Great Britain, at such Time and Place as shall be so appointed by her Majesty, and shall be the two Houses of the first Parliament of Great-Britain, and that Parliament may continue for such time only, as the present Parliament of England might have continued, if the Union of the two Kingdoms had not been made, unless sooner Dissolved by Her Majesty; And that every one of the Lords of Parliament of Great-Britain, and every Member of the House of Commons of the Parliament of Great Britain in the First, and all succeeding Parliaments of Great Britain, until the Parliament of Great Britain shall otherwise direct, shall take the respective Oaths appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, by an Act of Parliament made in England, in the First Year of the Reign of the late King William and Queen Mary. Entituled, *An Act for the Abrogating of the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, and Appointing other Oaths*, and make, subscribe, and audibly repeat the Declaration mentioned in an Act of Parliament made in England in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, Entituled, *An Act for the more effectual preserving the Kings Person and Government, by Disabling Papists from sitting in either House of Parliament*, and shall take and subscribe the Oath mentioned in an Act of Parliament made in England, in the First Year of Her Majesties Reign, Entituled, *An Act to declare the Alterations in the Oath appointed to be taken by the Act, Entituled, An Act for the further Security of His Majesties Person, and the Succession of the Crown in the Protestant Line, and for Extinguishing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, and all other Pretenders, and their open and secret Abettors, and for Declaring the Association to be determin'd at such time, and in such manner, as the Members of both Houses of Parliament of England are, by the said respective Acts, directed to take, make, and subscribe the same, upon the Penalties and Disabilities in the said respective Acts contain'd. And it is Declar'd and Agreed, that these Words, This Realm, The Crown*  
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of this Realm, and the Queen of this Realm, mentioned in the Oaths and Declaration contain'd in the aforesaid Acts, which were intended to signify the Crown and Realm of England, shall be understood of the Crown and Realm of Great-Britain; And that, in that Sense, the said Oaths and Declaration be taken and subscribed by the Members of both Houses of the Parliament of Great-Britain.

XXIII. That the foresaid Sixteen Peers of Scotland, mentioned in the last preceding Article, to sit in the House of Lords of the Parliament of Great Britain, shall have all Privileges of Parliament, which the Peers of England now have, and which they, or any Peers of Great-Britain, shall have after the Union, and particularly the Right of sitting upon the Tryals of Peers: And in case of the Tryal of any Peer, in time of Adjournment or Prorogation of Parliament, the said Sixteen Peers shall be Summoned in the same manner, and have the same Powers and Privileges at such Tryal, as any other Peers of Great-Britain; And that, in case any Tryals of Peers shall hereafter happen, when there is no Parliament in being, the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, who sate in the last preceding Parliament, shall be Summon'd in the same manner, and have the same Powers and Privileges at such Tryals, as any other Peers of Great-Britain; And that all Peers of Scotland, and their Successors to their Honours and Dignities, shall, from and after the Union, be Peers of Great-Britain, and have Rank and Precedency next, and immediately after the Peers of the like Orders and Degrees in England at the time of the Union, and before all Peers of Great Britain, of the like Orders and Degrees, who may be Created after the Union, and shall be Tryed as Peers of Great-Britain, and shall Enjoy all Privileges of Peers, as fully as the Peers of England do now, or as they, or any other Peers of Great-Britain may hereafter enjoy the same, except the Right and Privilege of sitting in the House of Lords, and the Privileges depending thereon, and particularly the Right of sitting upon the Tryals of Peers.

XXIV. That from and after the Union, there be one Great Seal for the United Kingdom of Great-Britain, which shall be different from the Great Seal now us'd in either Kingdom; and that the quartering the Arms as may best sute the Union, be left to Her Majesty: And that in the mean time the Great Seal of England be us'd as the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, and that the Great Seal of the United Kingdom be us'd for sealing Writs to Elect and Summon the Parliament of Great-Britain, and for sealing all Treaties with Forreign Princes and States, and all publick Acts, Instruments and Orders of States, which concern the whole United Kingdom, and in all other Matters relating to England, as the Great Seal of England is now us'd; and that a Seal in Scotland after the Union be always kept and made use of in all things relating to private Rights or Grants, which have usually passed the Great Seal of Scotland, and which  
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only concern Officers, Grants, Commissions, and private Rights within that Kingdom; and that, until such Seal shall be appointed by Her Majesty, the present Great Seal of Scotland shall be used for such purposes; and that the Privy Seal, Signet, Casket, Signet of the Justiciary Court, Quarter-Seal, and Seals of Courts now used in Scotland be continued; but that the said Seals be altered and adapted to the State of the Union, as Her Majesty shall think fit; and the said Seals, and all of them, and the Keepers of them, shall be subject to such Regulations, as the Parliament of Great Britain shall hereafter make.

XXV. That all Laws and Statutes in either Kingdom, so far as they are contrary to, or inconsistent with the Terms of these Articles, or any of them, shall, from and after the Union, cease and become void, and shall be so declared to be, by the respective Parliaments of the said Kingdoms.

*In Testimony whereof, the Commissioners for the respective Kingdoms, empowered as aforesaid, have set their Hands and Seals to these Articles, contained in this, and the twenty five foregoing Pages, at Westminster, the Day and Year first above written.*

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Roseberis.  
Glasgow.  
Arch. Campbell.  
Dufflin.  
Ross.  
Hew Dalrymple.  
Ad. Cockburne.  
F. Montgomerie.  
David Dalrymple.  
Patr. Johnston.  
Ja. Smollett.  
W. Morison.  
Alexander Grant.  
W. Seton.  
John Clerk.  
Dan. Stewart.  
Daniel Campbell.

Tho. Cantuar.  
Wm Couper C. S.  
Godolphin.  
Pembroke P.  
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Devonshire.  
Somerset.  
Bolton.  
Kingston.  
Sunderland  
Orford.  
Townshend.  
Twarton.  
Poulett.  
Somers.  
J. Smith.  
Hartington.  
Granby.  
C. Hedges.  
Ro. Harley.  
H. Boyle.  
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Tho. Trevor.  
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Sim. Harcourt.  
J. Cooke.  
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